

**CLAIMS**

1. A value carrier for prepaid value units, which value carrier comprises at least one information area on which  
5 visually readable information representing a code for prepaid value units is present, characterized in that the value carrier is sealed in an envelope.
2. A value carrier according to claim 1, wherein the  
10 envelope is made of plastic material.
3. A value carrier according to claim 1, wherein the envelope is made of paper/cardboard coated with a plastic.  
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4. A value carrier according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the envelope comprises at least two plastic foils, which are sealed together along a circumferential edge of the value carrier.  
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5. A value carrier according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the envelope comprises a folded plastic foil, and wherein foil parts are sealed together along a circumferential edge of the value carrier.  
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6. A value carrier according to any one of the preceding claims 1 - 5, wherein the value carrier is sealed in an opaque envelope.
- 30 7. A value carrier according to any one of the preceding claims 1 - 5, wherein the value carrier is sealed in a transparent envelope, and wherein the information area

is covered with an opaque material.

8. A value carrier according to any one of the preceding claims 1 - 7, wherein said value carrier is comprised of  
5 a flexible sheet, preferably a sheet of paper.
9. A value carrier according to claim 8, wherein the flexible sheet is folded.
- 10 10. A method for manufacturing a value carrier according to any one of the preceding claims 1 - 9, characterized in that
- at least two plastic foils are supplied and sealed  
15 together along a circumferential edge of the value carrier, or
  - a folded plastic foil is supplied and the foil parts are sealed together along a circumferential  
20 edge of the value carrier.